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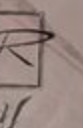
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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

The Scorched team have been captured by Curse while Medieval Spawn travels to Limbo to earn the trust of Soul Crusher.



SOME MONSTERS LAY IN THE DARK FOR YEARS. THEY WAIT FOR YOU TO THINK YOU'RE SAFE. THEY ENJOY IT. STUDYING YOU. PLANNING.

KNOWING THAT ONE DAY THEY WILL EMERGE. AND IT WILL BE LIKE AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET THROUGH YOUR SOUL.

THE CURSE
IS ONE SUCH MONSTER.



HE'S WATCHED, SPAWN. HE'S STUDIED THE SCORCHED.

LONG BEFORE ALL THIS, HE WAS PHILIP KRAHN. A BOY. WHOSE ENTIRE LIFE WOULD BE DEVOTED TO GOD.



YEARS EARLIER.
MIDDLE-AMERICA.



CHRIST
SACRIFICED
HIMSELF
FOR YOU.



...AND THE
DESTRUCTION
OF THE LORD'S
ENEMIES.



AND THERE
WILL BE A POINT
WHERE YOU MUST
RETURN THAT
FAVOR.

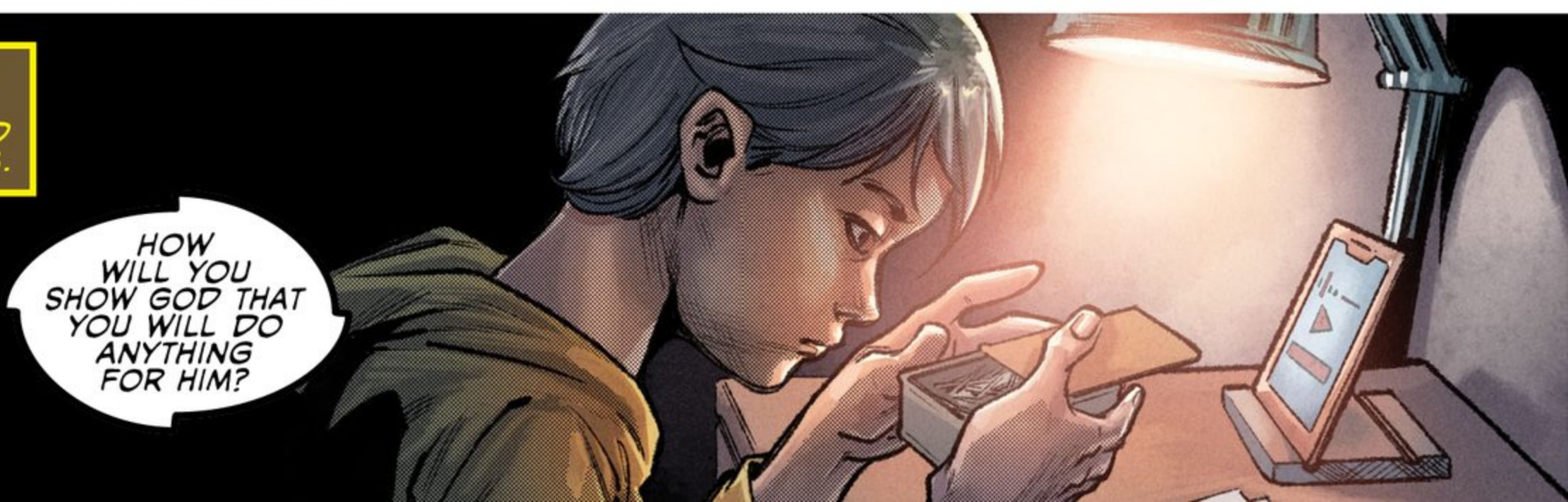
BECAUSE
THE LORD WHO
COMES IN THE END
TIMES WILL NOT BE THE
SWEET CHRIST OF THE
NEW TESTAMENT, WHO
TOOK EVERYONE IN
HIS ARMS.

NO, IT WILL
BE THE LORD OF
THE OLD TESTAMENT.
THE ONE BRINGING FIRE
AND BRIMSTONE. THE ONE
WITH VENGEANCE. THE
ONE DEMANDING YOUR
SERVITUDE. SO, THE
ONLY QUESTION
IS-

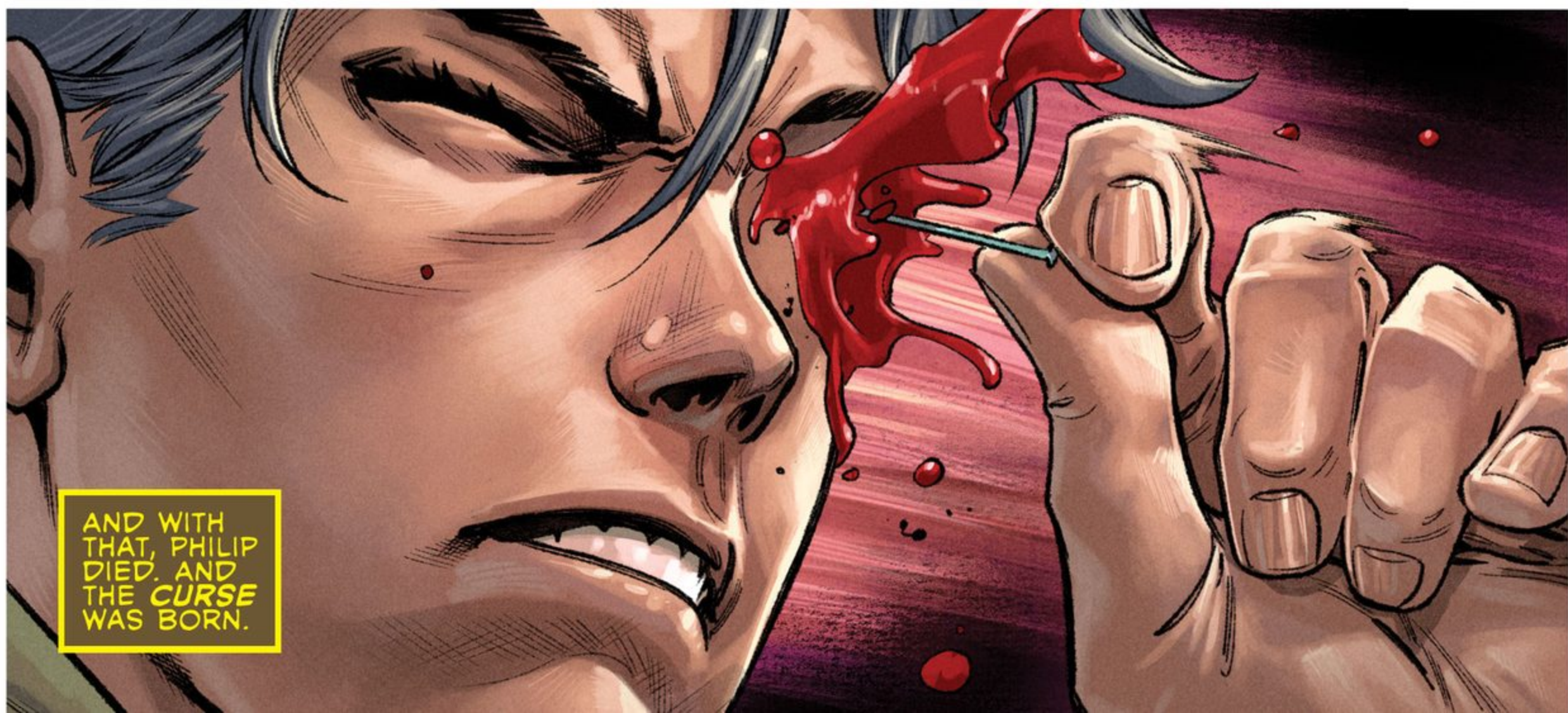


DO YOU
WANT YOUR NECK
AGAINST *HIS* SWORD?
OR DO YOU WANT TO BE
WITH THE REST OF *HIS*
ARMY, BEHIND IT?
VICTORIOUS.

PHILIP WAS A
GOOD BOY.
HE RECORDED
THE SERMONS.



HOW
WILL YOU
SHOW GOD THAT
YOU WILL DO
ANYTHING
FOR HIM?





MY EYES
WERE GIVEN
TO THE PRIEST AS A
GIFT. A SHOW OF
MY FAITH.

WITHIN A YEAR, THE
WHOLE CONGREGATION
WENT FROM THINKING I WAS
DISTURBED, TO **BELIEVING** IN MY
PURPOSE. BECAUSE I COULD **SEE**.
I COULD SEE YOUR KIND. THE
DARKNESS IN THE WORLD. I SAW
HOW YOU MANEUVERED AND
PLANNED. AND I SAW AS
YOU GOT MORE
ARROGANT.

BUT YOU
WENT PUBLIC, LIKE
SIMMONS. THAT'S WHEN
I STARTED PRAYING
AGAIN.



"STUDYING THE
PATH, CHRISTIAN MAGIC,
THE VERSES.



"I ALSO
STUDIED YOU
AND HOW YOU
COULD LOSE.

"THE SECRET WAS
SIMMONS. THE SAME MAN
WHO TOOK MY ARM IN
BATTLE YEARS AGO. HIS
COCKINESS IS NOW YOURS.



AND I'M GOING TO TAKE
EVERYTHING FROM YOU."



IN LIMBO, SOUL CRUSHER WAS FACING HIS OWN CRISIS OF FAITH.

WE MUST GET TO THE EXIT. WE MUST PUT OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND SAVE THE SCORCHED.



"WE MUST?" MEDIEVAL MURDERED CRUSHER'S FRIEND AND NOW DEMANDS HIS HELP.



THE PORTAL BEGINS TO CLOSE.



WHAT'S NEXT?



WE TRAVEL BACK TO THE CURSE'S BASE. AND WE GO TO WAR.

WE'LL NEVER GET THERE IN TIME.

I'VE TAKEN CARE OF IT.



OF COURSE,
YOU HAVE A
DRAGON.

THERE
WILL BE TIME
TO EXPLAIN THIS
LATER. LET
US GO!

IN THE LAB: THE CURSE HAS HIS SCIENTISTS OPEN THE DEPRIVATION CHAMBERS, FREEING THE SCORCHED FROM THE NIGHTMARES HE'D CHAINED THEM TO.

A SUGGESTION THAT SEEMS MAD.



WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING? WHY'D HE LET THEM GO?

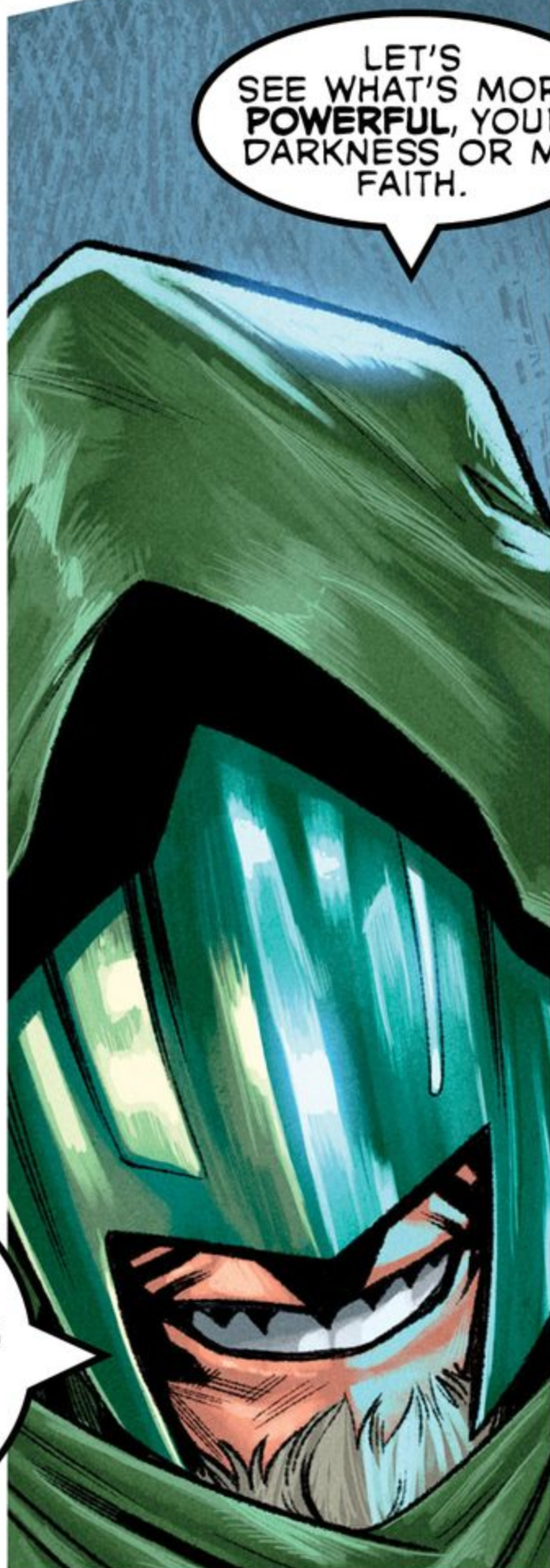
IT'S JUST THE LAST TEST. I **ASSURE** YOU, WE'RE SAFE BEHIND THESE WALLS.

LET'S SEE WHAT'S MORE **POWERFUL**, YOUR DARKNESS OR MY FAITH.

OR YOU CAN JUST GIVE UP **YOUR** DAUGHTER NOW, JESSICA.

THEY THINK I'M INSANE, BUT I HAVE MY **FAITH**. MY ARMY IS GOING TO **BURN** YOU AND YOUR KIND TO THE GROUND WHEN YOU FALL.

YOU'LL **NEVER** TOUCH HER.

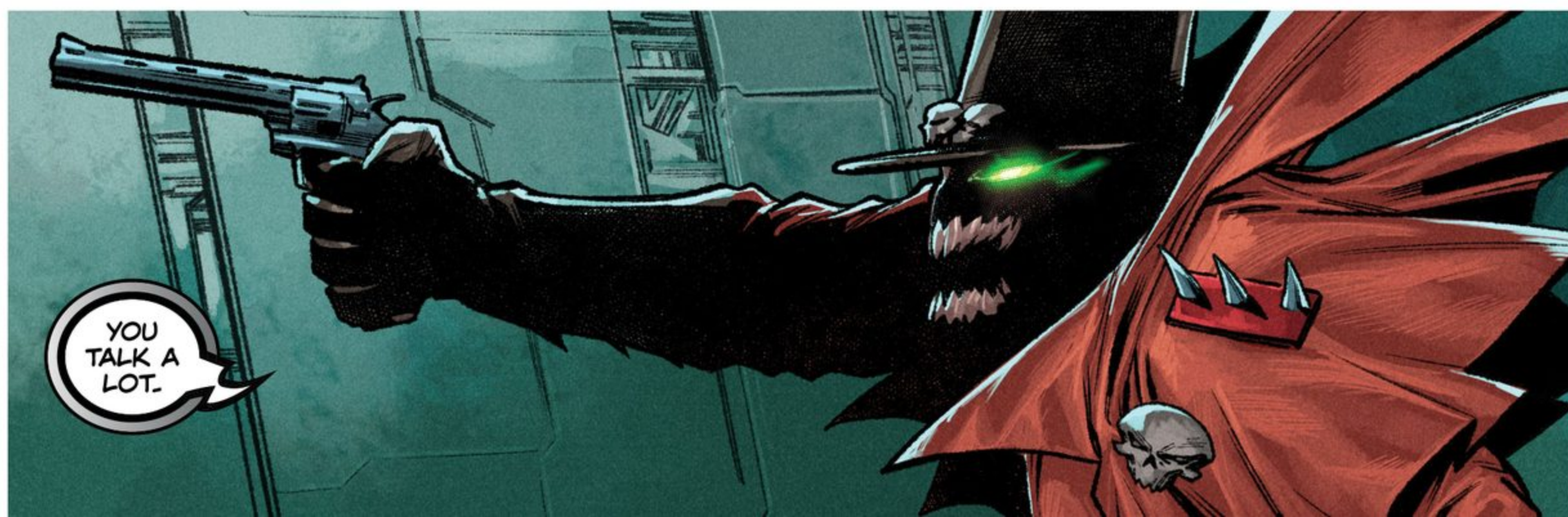




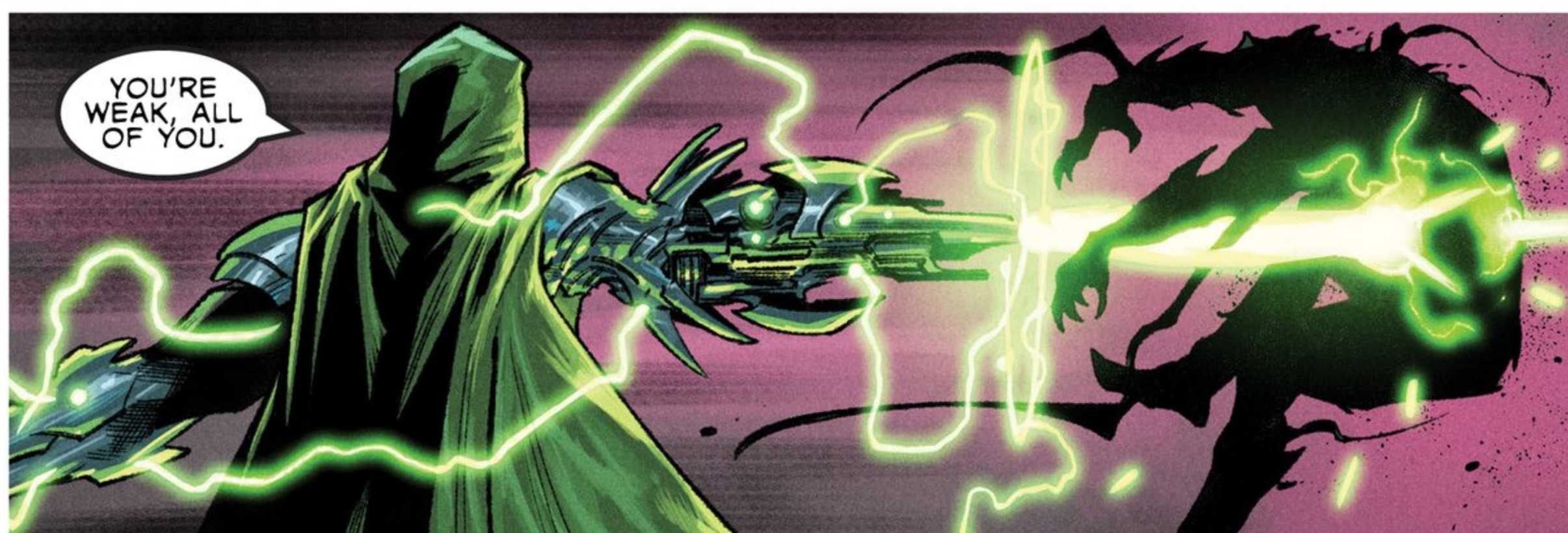
IS THAT
RIGHT? MY
FATHER SAID
THAT TO ME
RIGHT BEFORE
I KILLED MY
MOTHER.

FAMILIES
ARE FAKE.
WE'RE **BORN**
INTO THEM AND
THEN FEEL WE
OWE THEM. BUT
GOD, WE COME
TO. GOD IS A
CHOICE.

HE LED
ME TO YOU.
TO DRAW YOU
INTO A FIGHT
YOU CAN'T
WIN.



YOU
TALK A
LOT.





...AND
YET YOU'RE A
MONSTER. LET
HIM UP.

GUNSLINGER
RELEASED.



YOU WANT
TO GO BACK IN
TIME, **COWBOY**? IS
THAT IT? TRYING TO FIX
THE THINGS YOU **BROKE**?
HEAL THE PEOPLE YOU
HURT? SORRY, THAT'S
NOT GOING TO
HAPPEN.



CURSE MOCKS THEM. THAT
AND PITY ARE NOT THINGS
THAT THE SPAWN CALLED
GUNSLINGER SITS WELL WITH.

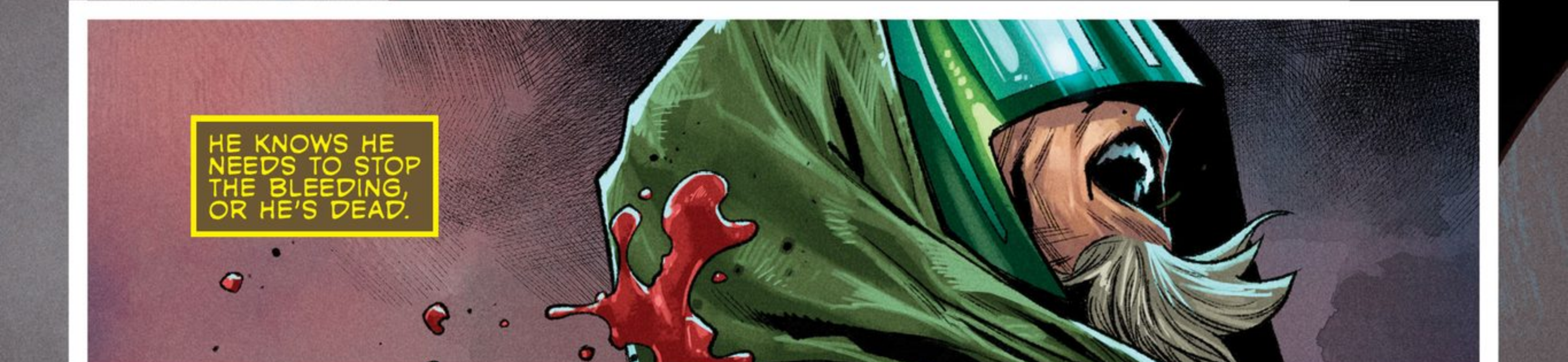


YOU
KNOW TOO
MUCH.



SIDESTEPPING THE ATTACK AND PROUD OF HIMSELF, HE DOESN'T REALIZE GUNSLINGER WAS TRYING TO GET BEHIND HIM, WHERE—

THE BLADE CATCHES HIS THROAT. A BLOW THAT WOULD END MOST HUMANS INSTANTLY.



HE KNOWS HE NEEDS TO STOP THE BLEEDING, OR HE'S DEAD.

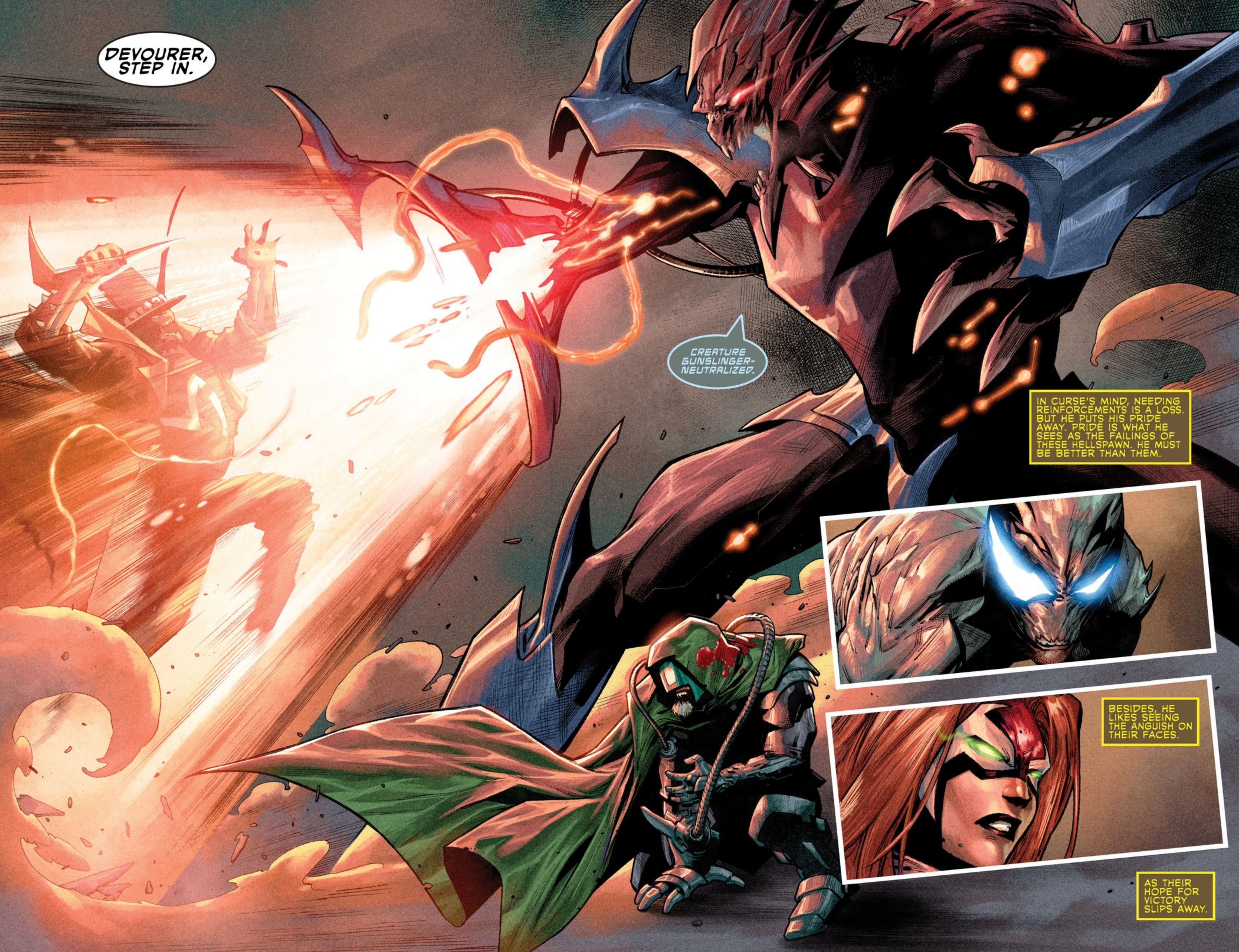


ALL HE HAS ARE ELECTRICAL WIRES FROM HIS SIN DEVOURERS. HE BURNS THEM TO THE WOUND AND HOPES THEY'LL BE ENOUGH.



HOW'S THAT FAITH HOLDING UP?

THOUGH THE ONSLAUGHT IS FAR FROM OVER.



DEVOURER,
STEP IN.

CREATURE
GUNSLINGER-
NEUTRALIZED.

IN CURSE'S MIND, NEEDING
REINFORCEMENTS IS A LOSS.
BUT HE PUTS HIS PRIDE
AWAY. PRIDE IS WHAT HE
SEES AS THE FAILINGS OF
THESE HELLSPAWN. HE MUST
BE BETTER THAN THEM.



BESIDES, HE
LIKES SEEING
THE ANGUISH ON
THEIR FACES.

AS THEIR
HOPE FOR
VICTORY
SLIPS AWAY.



LET ME
TELL YOU A
STORY ABOUT A
MAN NAMED, AL. HE
LOSES HIS WIFE AND
BATTLES HIS WAY
THROUGH HEAVEN
AND HELL. YEARS
LATER, HE SEES AN
OPPORTUNITY...

TO USE
EVERYONE HE
KNOWS TO GET
THIS **WOMAN**
BACK.

BUT
HE'LL HAVE
TO OPEN THE
GATES, TO **DEMONS**
AND ANGELS JUST
SO HE CAN GET
WHAT HE
WANTS.



IT'S
WHY HE
NEEDED TO
BUILD AN
ARMY OF
PAWNS.

HE
NEEDED YOU
AS PAWNS TO
SACRIFICE.



ENOUGH
OF THIS-



I'M
SPEAKING.

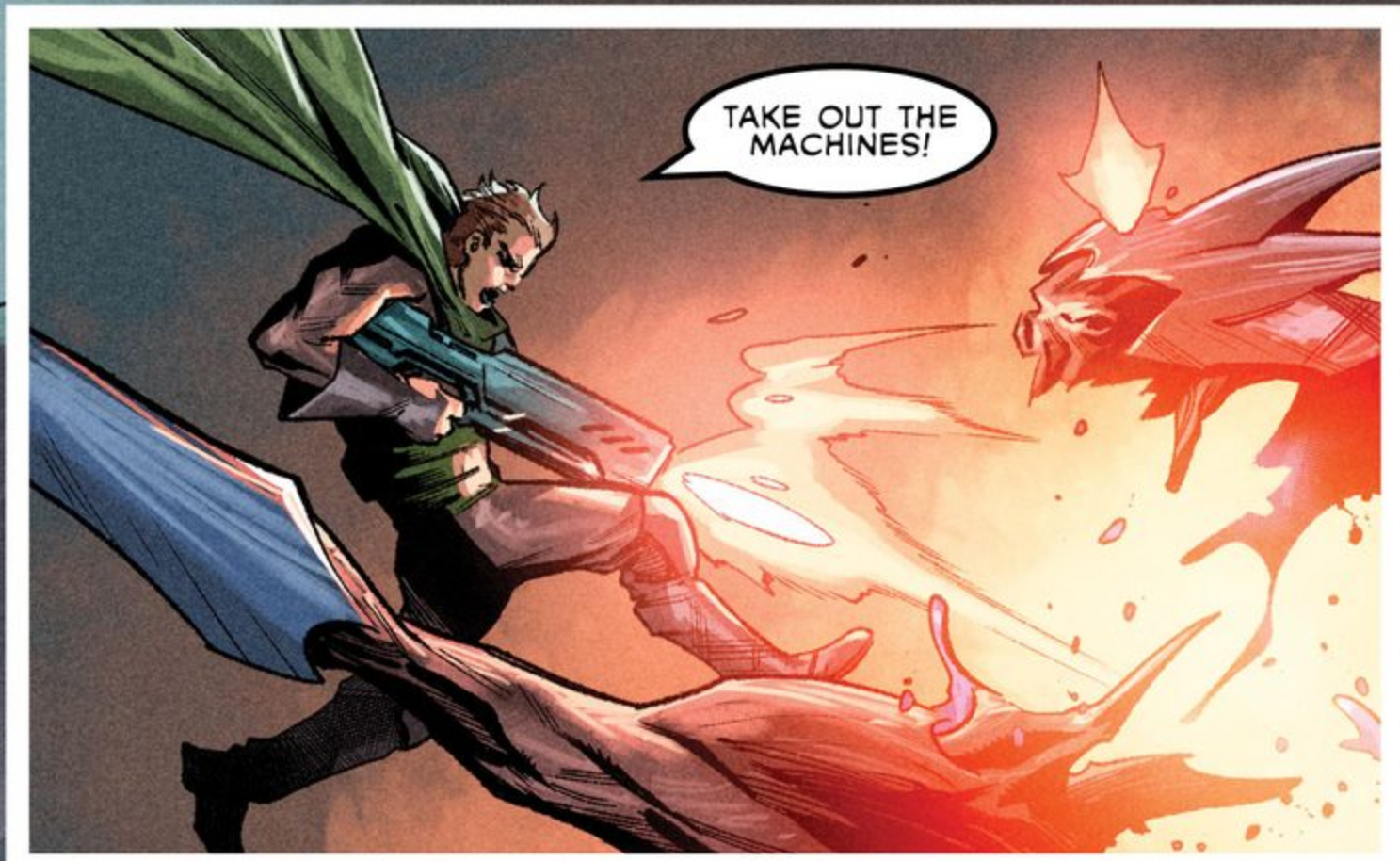




MEDIEVAL ALWAYS HAD A PLAN. ONE THAT EVEN CURSE COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED.

CURSE TREMBLES. FOR, AS MUCH AS HE HAS STUDIED THESE MONSTERS-

HE NEVER PREPARED FOR THIS.



TAKE OUT THE MACHINES!



WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MEDIEVAL AND SOUL CRUSHER, THEIR VICTORY IS SWIFT, VICIOUS, AND UNDENIABLE.



THOOM





YOU'VE BEEN
ABANDONED.

NOT BY MY
LORD. SO, WHO
DO YOU ALL
BOW TO?

THE INSINUATION IS CLEAR. SPAWN
PUT THIS TEAM TOGETHER. HE WAS
TO BE THEIR GENERAL, YET ONE
YEAR LATER, THEY'RE BATTERED
AND BEATEN WITH LITTLE DIRECTION.
SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE.

HE APPEARS SILENTLY
OUT OF THE SHADOWS.

THEY
ANSWER
TO ME.





SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG



I've always loved the story of Spawn. Growing up, I was never able to properly follow the stories; no comic stores, lack of funds, etc. Spawn has always been like a big brother in comics to me in my mind. Over the past 4 years or so, I have been consistent with keeping a pull box, and more recently, I purchased the Spawn compendiums. I have 1-3 and can't wait for 4.

Basically, I've been reading nothing but Spawn for a while, and having just finished the new Scorched issue I just want to say thank you.

Seriously. Thank you!

Jeremy B.

No, Jeremy, thank you. Thank you for supporting us all these years, even when it was difficult. We really do appreciate all the support we get from the fans. I know Todd, Sean, Stephen, Ulises, and I appreciate kind words like these. You have officially earned the rank of Super Fan!

-THOMAS

Good Morning,
I have a question. After the Spawn Universe Issue, is there a reading order with the others King Spawn, Gunslinger, Scorched, and Spawn? Thank You.

Robert S.

Robert, that's a great question. The only big thing you need to know is that Gunslinger Issues #1-10 take place before Scorched #1. Once you get through those issues, everything else takes place concurrently. Now it's still a comic book, so time can still move at a weird pace, but all the books are currently taking place at roughly the same time.

-THOMAS

Hey Spawn Team,
Well, your recent releases have pulled me back into the series after a decade. I've been going through my old back issues again and keeping up with the newest releases of King Spawn and The Scorched. I'd really love to see Sam & Twitch make a return, maybe



to their own series, or maybe we could see some characters on the Heaven side get the spotlight too.

Reed

Hey Reed, Sam, and Twitch are fan favorites for sure. Having them show up in the comics is inevitable, especially now that their new action figures are out. But I think it would be safe to say that you will see our favorite NYPD Detectives sooner rather than later.

-THOMAS



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
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NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES:

SPAWN

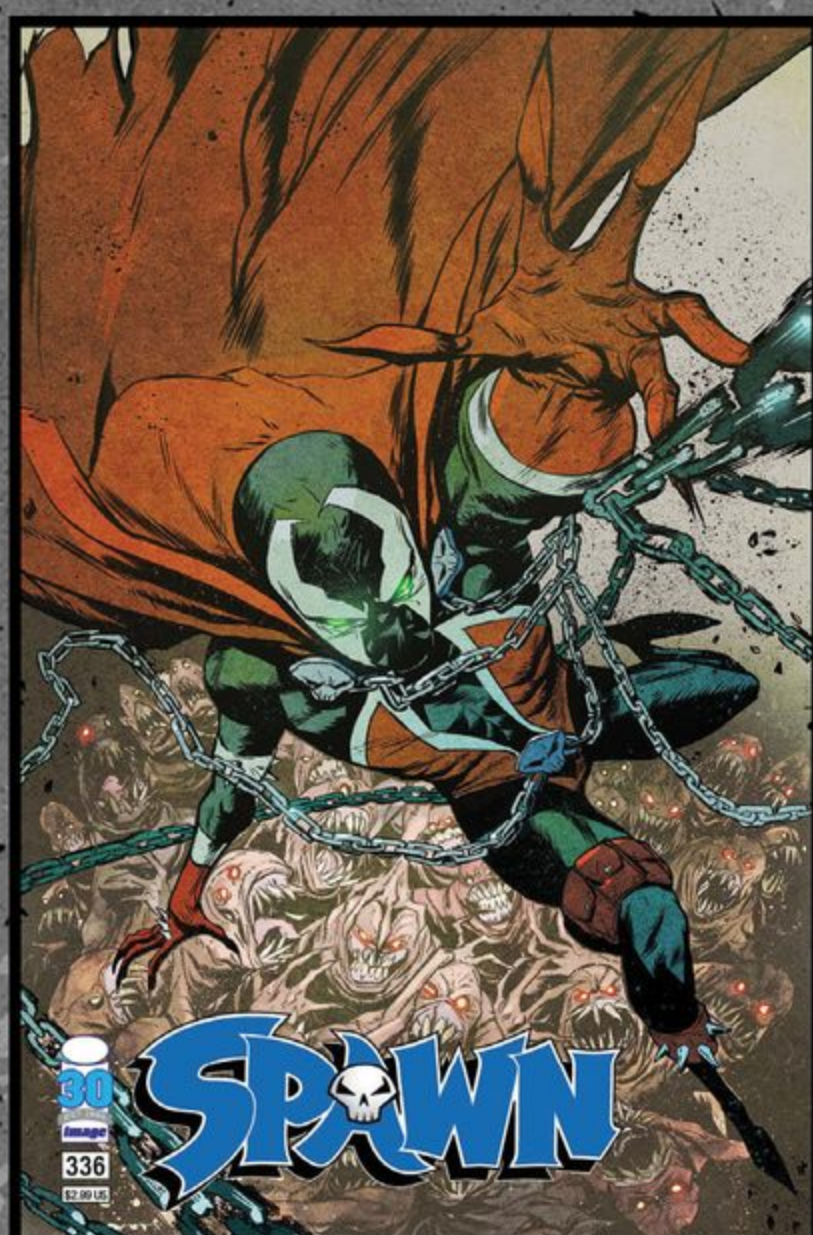
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